

Thursday, February 6, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Rodney E. Slater to be Secretary of Transportation.

The President transmitted his Fiscal Year 1998 Budget of the United States Government.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1049–S1118*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 281–290, and S.J. Res. 15.

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**Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment:** Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, with the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S1057–72, S1079–99**

Pending:

Durbin Amendment No. 2, to allow for the waiver of the article in the event of an economic recession or serious economic emergency with a majority in both houses of Congress.

**Pages S1083–99**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending amendment on Monday, February 10, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Friday, February 6, 1997.

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 1998; pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975; which was referred jointly to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on the Budget. (PM–10).

**Pages S1099–S1101**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 6 EX), Rodney E. Slater, of Arkansas, to be Secretary of Transportation.

**Pages S1073–78, S1118**

Madeleine May Kunin, of Vermont, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Genta Hawkins Holmes, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, as Ambassador to Australia.

Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Arma Jane Karaer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Dennis K. Hays, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

John Francis Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Venezuela.

John Stern Wolf, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U. S. Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Madeleine Korb Albrit, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to

the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Victor Marrero, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Ellen Seidman, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision for a term of five years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total–6) Page S1078

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Friday, February 7, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1117.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine current and projected national security threats to the United States, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Acting Director of Central Intelligence; and

Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

### U.S. TERRITORIES AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 210, to make technical and other changes to the Organic Act of Guam, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact of Free Association Act, and to return excess Federal land to the people of Guam, after receiving testimony from Allen P. Stayman, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Governor Roy L. Schneider, and Delegate Donna M. Christian-Green, both of the Virgin Islands; and Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez, and Delegate Robert A. Underwood, both of Guam.

### COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUESTS

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded hearings to receive testimony from Senators, as indicated, in support of resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses of their respective committees for periods from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999, as follows:

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* (S. Res. 26), Senators Chafee and Baucus;

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* (S. Res. 39), Senators Thompson and Glenn;

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* (S. Res. 30), Senators Shelby and Kerrey;

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* (S. Res. 34), Senators Murkowski and Bumpers;

*Committee on Finance:* (S. Res. 27), Senators Roth and Moynihan; and

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* (S. Res. 37), Senators Helms and Biden.

### HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee held hearings to examine certain home-based business issues, focusing on independent contractors, home-office deductions, deductibility of health-care costs, and the experience of women business owners in seeking investment capital and federal procurement contracts, receiving testimony from Carolyn A. Stradley, C & S Paving, Inc., Marietta, Georgia; Susan Peterson, Susan Peterson Productions Inc., Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Foundation for Women Business Owners; Phyllis Hill Slater, Hill Slater, Inc., Great Neck, Long Island, New York, on behalf

of the National Association of Women Business Owners and the Women Business Owners Corporation; Andrea C. Silbert, Center for Women and Enterprise, Boston, Massachusetts; Bill D. Trembly, Trembly Associates, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico, on behalf of the Manufacturers' Agents National Association and the Small Business Legislative Council on Independent Contractor Classification Issues;

Bonny Filandrinos, Staffing Solutions, Inc., Clayton, Missouri; Sal Risalvato, Riverdale Texaco and Precision Alignment Center, Riverdale, New Jersey; and Carole Wiedorfer, Carole Wiedorfer CPA, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association for the Self-Employed.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 624–653; 1 private bill, H.R. 654; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 16, and H. Res. 42–43 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** One report was filed as follows: H.J. Res. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 105–2).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ewing to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, the Reverend Larry C. Christenson of Northome, Minnesota.

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**Order of Business:** Agreed that it may not be in order before Thursday, February 13, 1997, for the House to consider a motion to proceed under section 518A(e)(6)(A) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, as contained in section 101(c) of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Slaughter wherein she resigned from the Committee on the Budget.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 42, designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 43, electing Representative LaHood to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**Presidential Message—Fiscal Year 1998 Budget:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his Budget of the United States Government for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–3).

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 10. Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11 for Morning Hour Debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of February 12.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

**Committee on Agriculture:** Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved an oversight plan for the 105th Congress.

#### FDA POLICY ON HOME DRUG TESTING KITS

**Committee on Commerce:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on FDA Policy on Home Drug Testing Kits. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: William B. Schultz, Deputy Commissioner, Policy; Mary Pendergast,

Deputy Commissioner/Senior Advisor to the Commissioner; Margaret Jane Porter, Chief Counsel; Joseph A. Levitt, Deputy Director, Regulatory and Policy, and Bruce Burlington, Director, both with the Center for Device and Radiological Health.

#### DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families concluded hearings on H.R. 5, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that act. Testimony was heard from Stephen Streruer, Office of Correctional Education, Department of Education, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on the Budget,* to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., SD-608.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

##### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee,* to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for January and the Consumer Price Index (CPI), 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Friday, February 7

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m. Monday, February 10

## Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

## House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business.

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